

TELLS MAX HAYES OF AWFUL RECORD OF DEATH AND INJURY AMONG STRUCTURAL WORKERS

By Max Hayes.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25.—Every day is developing new phases in the McNamara case. After the A. F. of L. convention had unanimously adopted resolutions to finance the great legal contest now in progress and enthusiastically cheered Job Harriman, the socialist and union candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, the delegates were amused to learn of the ovation given Detective Burns by bankers' convention in New Orleans and of the charge that the union people were attempting to bribe and coerce witnesses in the McNamara trial.

"These bankers might have been in better business if they had investigated our side of this big fight before they lauded Burns when he made his false accusations," said President Ryan of the bridge and structural iron workers today.

"On an average of every 32 hours the mangled form of one of our members employed on an iron or steel structure or bridge is carted to an undertaker's establishment and in the same time six maimed men are carried to a hospital or grief-stricken home. Yet the eminently respectable bankers side against us when we organize to end this wholesale destruction of life.

"The representative of the erectors' association, a creature of the steel trust, charges that we are responsible for the death of 19 men in the Los Angeles Times

explosion.

Not only will that claim be proven false in the McNamara trial, but we will show that we endeavored to secure an agreement with the erectors' association to prevent, or at least minimize the awful slaughter of human lives due to the speeding up system that has been introduced by certain employers.

"Not only has the erectors' association refused to make any agreement, but whenever any worker is injured its lawyers are at the hospital before anybody else to secure his signature to a document waiving all rights for damages under the common law for a few paltry dollars.

"On our part we charge that, due to their driving methods and indifference to life and limb, the erectors are responsible for the catastrophes that are constantly occurring. In Quebec 68 men were killed, 30 in Louisville, 12 on the Wabash bridge in Pittsburgh, 11 on the Chicago Auditorium and hundreds in other accidents that might be avoided."

Ryan scoffs at the rumor that the books that were seized by the federal court in Indianapolis show any unusual or questionable expenditure, as has been hinted at in certain newspaper dispatches.

"We court the fullest investigation of all acts on the part of our organization," said Ryan. "We have already exposed a dozen spies in our midst and there